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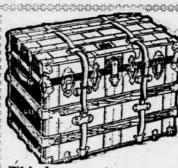
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or Phone. As Teutons Intrench, Mighty Dikes Are Cut and Lives End in Swirling Waters.

> (Copyright, 1915, by Herbert Corey.) BOULOGNE, June 14 .- One hears one phrase constantly in France. It explains everything, excuses everything, condemns everything.

"C'est la guerre."

It is war. Things happen that by every rule of humanity are impossible and incredible. Only a momentary attention is given to them. There are deeds of heroism that in any other age would be perpetuated in epics. They pass and are forgotten. When the world was condemning the German course in Belgium the French hardly discussed it. For months the charges of atrocity were forbidden publication in French

"C'est la guerre," said these philoso-

So it was with the story of the Lost Legion. At first those who heard it refused to believe. It argued both a ruthlessness and a courage that were beyond reason.

"But it is quite true," said Col. Vignal, now military attache at the French em-bassy in Washington. "C'est la guerre." bassy in Washington. "C'est la guerre."

It is one of the innumerable minor events of that frantic German rush through Belgium in the early days of the war. The invaders had not yet begun to count the cost. The little Belgian army was fighting every foot of the way. The extreme right of the German line was curling past Brussels and Louvain toward Ypres, where the greatest battle in England's history has been fought for the past three moxths. The Belgians were retreating before them, killing cheerfully as they fell back. The Germans reached Dixmude.

Were in Death Trap.

"There they were in a death trap, said Col. Vignal. "But they died well.

It is war. sea, a low-lying valley, perhaps fif-teen miles wide, made the trap. At the farther side of the valley were the Belgians. Somewhere in the distance the English were advancing toward that line they hold today. In a few days or hours the Germans knew the Belgian and British forces would be joined. The forces of the allies made the balt for the tran

"The German" I hened Cat. Vignal. "Lane the cate of the lane the cate of the lane the cate of the lane the cate of the line of communications. But they also knew that if they did not hold the valley the Belgians would open up the dikes. Then they would open up the dikes. Then they would all be drowned."

It was a simple problem that confronted the Germans. An army could be saved by the sacrifice of a regiment or two. There was no question as to the German course. Lives do not count when victory is to be won.

Knew of March to Death.

C'est la guerre. 'We know," said the Belgian officer who first told me the story, "and we knew they knew. We watched them as we would a great tragedy. think that even the private soldiers eight tickets for a quarter. But this knew they were marching forward to their death, because as they marched they sang sad, old German songs—songs of home and the Rhine hills. There was not that note in jubilation we had heard before in their choruses.

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we had heard before in their choruses. It was as though these living dead men were singing their dirge."

Six thousand Germans marched into that low-lying valley between Dixmude and the dikes. From the church towers of the little villages the Beigian observers saw the long gray green strings creeping over the brown fields of late summer. They called down word to their comrades in the church below. They had not yet been completely hardened by war. They had seen their country devastated, but they still pitied. Their voices trembled as they told of the quarry marching into the trap. Hours passed. The German march ceased. They began to intrench themselves in the center of that low-lying valley.

"No more are coming," said the observers.

servers.
"Cut the dikes," was the order tele-phoned along the line.

Water Gurgles Into Valley.

The water began to gurgle into that scores of slashes in the clay wails that had held it back for generations. German avious had been swooping over the dikes in reckless disregard of the Beigian fire. When the first flier saw e gleam of water spreading out over the meadows he wheeled in air and carried the word to the doomed legion. The work of the six thousand had been done. No force could hold back the floods now. The German flank could not be turned.

could not be turned.

"So they began to run for the hills," said the Belgian. "At first they tried to save the guns."

At first they always try to save the guns. That is a rule of all armies. The guns come before lives. But the loss of guns is not of any serious consequence in military eyes if the enemy does not capture them. The enemy could never capture these guns. In an hour they would be six feet deep under loyal waters. The Belgian observers called down from the church towers to those waiting below:

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"They have pushed the guns off the roads." That cleared the way for the retreat. The roads were open. The August sun no longer glinted upon that brass cap which protects the muzzle of the German rifle when it is not in use. Through their glasses the observers could see the Germans discard their arms—by companies and by order—and break into the double on those long, narrow roads that led toward safety. But the ordered ranks began to lose symmetry. The stronger runners began to force ahead. The order had been given: Save yourself who can. The water purred through the long grasses toward the gray roads. Now and then a shallow pool shone in the hollows far ahead of the sparkling wave that led the main advance.

Drown Before Comrades.

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The water crossed the road. The irst of the six thousand who came to it tried to ford. They drowned before their comrades' eyes. Those in the lead-those strongest runners who had fought their way to the front-turned fought their way to the front—turned and charged against the weight of their panting comrades. For a little time there was frightful confusion. Men by the hundreds were pushed off the roadway into the water in the lower levels at either side. Sometimes they were able to make their way back to the road, where drowning would be a little longer in coming. Sometimes they choked where they fell.

"At last," said the Belgian officer at Dunkirk who first told this story, "they stopped their struggling. All along the road they stood in quiet ranks. Only along either side were men fighting in the water. The water kept rising higher. Those of us who were near enough could hear them THE MOST FUTILE THING IN THE WORLD.



singing. The water rose to thei chests. The singing ceased."

Merely "Successful Operation." The observers could see through their glasses a little flurry now and then, as though some strong men were fighting for some spot of slender vantage. Several times those nearest heard a deepchested "hurrah," as some company of chested "hurrah," as some company of German lads saluted their Caesar. Little by little the encroaching waters reduced that black area in the Dixmude meadows. The sun shone very brightly. For the most part the observers were so distant that they could watch this spectacle of death impersonally. They could assume that godlike superiority to mere human agony that one finds in the official communiques. The drowning of six thousand Germans had become merely "a successful operabecome merely "a successful opera-tion" to them. Upon the German side tion" to them. Upon the German side one assumes a certain tempered elation. The tip of the right flank was now protected by that valley filled with water. It could not be turned.
"It was very pitiful," said Col. Vignal.
"They died like men."
C'est la guerre.

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JITNEY BUS IN VICTORIA LESSENS STREET CAR FARE

Railways Offer Eight Tickets for 25 Cents-Earnings of Companies Reduced Over One-Half.

Jitney bus competition in Victoria, Canada, has grown so great that the in an effort to draw back We their old-time business, are offering

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The jitneys have decreased the earnings of the railroad approximately 30 per cent, he says. But street car competition is not the only one for the jitney, for they compete with hacks, cabs and motors that regularly ply for hire, and the rates for driving by the hour, going to and from boats; trains and theaters have been reduced by more than one-half. As in the cities in the United States, the jitneys ulay to the short-haul traffic, leaving the long and less profitable hauls to the railway.

Service Much Appreciated.

"The general feeling is that the jitney bus traffic is now permanently established and is much appreciated," according to Mr. Newcomb. "Better servce is expected as time goes on, Cars manufactured especially for this work manufactured especially for this work will assist wonderfully in placing this industry on a firmer basis. The public feels, however, that the street car at the present is more dependable, and would not have the car company cease operations. Legislation is expected soon which will place each motor car under an indemnity bond, as a means of making them responsible in case of accident."

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Admiral von Usedom, the German commander, is a gentleman with a porpoise seems a submarine. So the firing is frequent. The crack of the rifles tends to steady the nerves, however, so that by the time the real danger zone comes into sight the soldiers are quite indifferent to danger, and lounge about the deck with utter contempt for the underwater enemy.

Vessels Pass Arsenal.

A little out of Constantinople the steamers pass the big powder works which even in the blackness of night resent a scene of modern war. Eight towering chimneys belch forth smoke and flame, and the glare of the lighted

towering chimneys belch forth smoke and flame, and the glare of the lighted windows tells of the struggle going on to keep pace with the demand for munitions.

Ten hours from Constantinople finds the ship in the broadest part of the Sea of Marmora, and a few hours later the peninsula of Gallipoli begins to draw near.

This section of the country is far from desolate. Every acre is cultivated. Roads wind in and out along the shore, and windmills crown the crest of the ridge of Gallipoli. Wherever the sea pushes into the land to form a bay there is a little town, busy and prosperous in a Turkish manner of speaking. In every case the salient feature is a sky-piercing minaret. At fixed points along the road, white tented military camps squat against the green landscape.

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At Gallipoli a curious feature is pro-

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Users of street cars in Christlania Norway, are uninitiated in the "joy

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many of the buildings of the town. These are to indicate neutral property. How the owners hope that the gun-pointers of the ships in the Gulf of Saros, many miles away behind the

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# PUTS JOBLESS MEN IN MANLESS JOBS.

Louis F. Post, Assistant Secretary of Labor, Describes Uncle Sam's Work.

NATIONAL EXCHANGE FOR LABOR ORGANIZING

Federal Organization One Through Which State and City Bodies May Operate.

Under the catchy title "Help Wanted; apply to Uncle Sam." Louis F. Post, assistant secretary of the Department that the announcements were recalled of Labor, tells how the government is before the end of June, an excessive signing up the jobless man for the supply of harvesters having then been manless job in an article written ex- secured. Hardly had the harvest help clusively for the Survey press service. episode ended when the disastrous fire

secured. Hardly had the harvest help clusively for the Survey press service. Secretary Post tells of the inception of this work and how it proved its efficacy in supplying harvest hands for Oklahoma and in securing employment for the mill operatives deprived of their accustomed work by the conflagration in Salem, Mass.

Purpose of the Survey.

The Survey, at whose request the article was prepared, is an association whose purpose is to investigate the facts of living and working conditions and to suggest means for social advance. Mr. Post's article follows:

"A national labor exchange is in process of organization by the Department of Labor. It is not a federal content of Labor interests, its purpose is to promote the welfare of wage-earners, not to facilitate their oppreserval that its of the disastrous fire at Salem, Mass., suggested further lines of national work in labor distribution. A large number of facional work in labor distribution. A large number of the alorgy workers were thrown out of employment by the disastrous free at Salem, Mass., suggested further lines of national work in labor distribution. A large number of facional work in labor distribution. A large number of the boreau of the Department of Labor. Secretary works were thrown out of employment by the disastrous free at Salem, Mass., suggested further lines of national work in labor distribution. A large number of factory workers were thrown out of employment by that disaster, and the local time to button. As a result, hundreds of the Department of Labor. Secretary works were thrown out of employment by the disastrous free at Salem, Mass., suggested further lines of national work in labor distribution of national work in labor distribution. A large number of factory workers were thrown out of employment by the disastr and to suggest means of vance. Mr. Post's article follows:

"A national labor exchange is in process of organization by the Department of Labor. It is not a federal contrivance for riding rough-shod over state and municipal organizations, but a central agency around and through which all other official agencies may operate. As to labor interests, its purpose is to promote the welfare of wage-earners, not to facilitate their oppressive exploitation. It aims to supervise all legitimate interests by bringing 'jobless men' to 'menless jobs' and to solve underlying problems of 'unemployment' by fostering wage-earning opportunities in excess of demand for them.

How Project Started.

THE SEA OF MARMORA

The fact that several important structures here were hit by those skyrockreating English shells impelled Envery flowers and are the subsisted for six days at the expense of Homen Officially.

Fear of British Submarines, However, Causes Extra Precautions by the Navigators.

For respondence of the Associated Press.

Converspondence of the Associa

purpose of the department, "to foster, promote and develop the welfare of the wage-earners of the United States, to improve their working conditions and to advance their opportunities for profitable employment."

Data Must Be Given.

Call for Harvest Hands.

From Salem's Fire.

Principal Work Under Way. "It is not at all improbable that the

Department of Labor will thereby be

"The form of application for en "Opportunities for utilizing this in ployers requires them to give refer strumentality came to the department ences, and to state the kind of work, in May, 1914. The Secretary of Labor length of employment, the hours of lathen received from the labor commis-sioner of Oklahoma a telegraphic call ments, whether wage payments are to

sioner of Oklahoma a telegraphic call for harvest hands. His favorable response brought similar appeals from Kansas, Missouri and South Dakota. All these states are in the great wheat belt, where at harvest time the need of help from outside is phenomenal. In that region, during the six weeks from carly June to the middle of July every year, five to ten times as many workers are needed for harvesting as can be employed in the same region during the entire eight months from September to June.

"Secretary Wilson responded to those wheat-belt calls by securing the assistance of the Post Office Department, which caused the post offices of the country to post bulletins of the Department of Labor announcing this temporary need of the western har vest fields.

From Salem's Fire.

To Supply Harvest Hands.

"While that highly important work "The object was so promptly effected progresses regularly, the Department of Labor is making special prepara-tions for the coming wheat harvest in Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska and the Dakotas. It is co-operating with the national farm labor exchange recently organized in the wheat belt. When local arrangements are complete in those cal arrangements are complete in those states the Department of Labor will open headquarters at Kansas City for the purpose of completing its special preparations with reference alike to the interests of wage-carners and of employers.

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"In that connection there are hopes of some experimentation with plans the department is considering, on a scale more comprehensive than that of wheat harvesting, for establishing annual vacations for wage-earners. The essential theory of these plans is that all interests could be better served if the sporadic demands for seasonal work of various kinds were systematically met by wage-earners on vacation. various kinds were systematically met by wage-earners on vacation. Details are not yet developed. Little more can now be said than that a vacation in its best sense is not a mere 'loafing' or 'dawdling' opportunity. It is an opportunity for recreation by varying one's activities and becoming acquainted with new scenes and new interests. "Probably little more would be needed than a thoughtful organization of vacation clubs among wage-earners and a little congressional legislation enabling the Department of Labor and the interstate commerce commission to co-operate with reference to special transportation rates for the purpose."

#### SECRETARY LANSING DEPARTS

Other Members of the Cabinet Return to Their Desks.

Secretary Lansing left here today fo Amherst, Mass., to attend the con mencement of Amherst College and will return next Thursday. He will spen tonight in New York. First Assistant Secretary Osborne will act as Secretary of State during Mr. Lansing's absenc-Secretary Garrison, who spent the week end at Seabright, N. J., was back at his desk in the War Department this

morning.
Secretary Daniels returned here this morning from a visit to the Naval War College at Newport.



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